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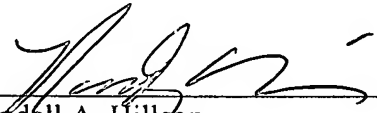
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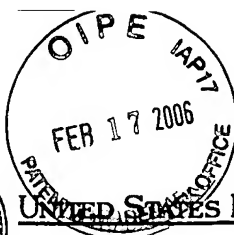
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Foreign Applications

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Non-Publication Request: No

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Title

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Arrangement for containing filter contaminant; assembly; and, methods

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The specification of which

- a. ☐ is attached hereto
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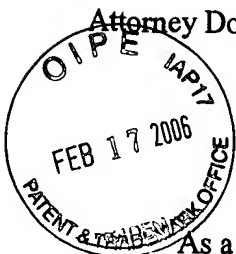
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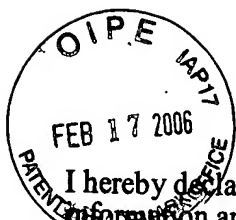
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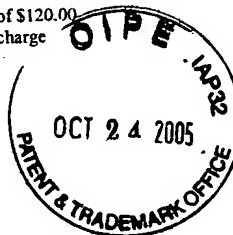
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